

Leading Men of the Nation Pay Tribute to Cleveland

GROVER CLEVELAND DIES AT PRINCETON

PAY HIGH TRIBUTES TO GROVER CLEVELAND

Heart Failure, Probably Superinduced by Intense Heat, Brings to End Career of America's Foremost Citizen.

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This year, on account of the former President's illness, the assemblage was omitted. Many Telegrams of Condolence.

The telegrams of condolence came in by the hundreds from all parts of the United States and other countries during the day and they continued to pour in during the evening. Telegrams came from Governor Grover Cleveland, Governor Hughes of New York, Governor Alton B. Parker of New York, Governor Fort of New Jersey, Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to Great Britain; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Admiral Robey D. Evans, Judge George Gray, of Delaware; former Lieutenant-Governor William F. Sheehan, of New York; Mayor George B. McClellan, of New York; Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia; St. Clair McKelway, of Brooklyn; George B. Carleton, Secretary of the Treasury, C. S. Fairchild, who was a Secretary of the Treasury during Mr. Cleveland's administration; Richard Olney, Fairmount, Mass.; George Westinghouse, New York; Seth C. Johnson, of New York; Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Judge E. B. Vest, St. Louis; Judge Landis, Chicago; General Stewart L. Woodford, New York; Governor A. L. Harris, Ohio; United States Senator James Smith, of New Jersey; Secretary Oscar Straus, of the Department of Commerce and Labor; Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, and Governor Ansell, of South Carolina.

Chose Princeton as His Home.

Mr. Cleveland's selection of Princeton as a place of residence after leaving the White House was due to the visit the ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland made to Princeton in 1895, on the occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial of Princeton University. The Clevelands were so graciously received, and were so impressed with the beauty of the town and its surroundings that they at once decided to make Princeton their future home.

Until Mr. Cleveland's health began to fail him, two years ago, he continued to be a very busy man. His riding trips in Princeton were daily carriage rides and exceptional fishing trips.

It was announced to-night that the hour for the funeral on Friday had been fixed at 5 P. M. None of the other funeral arrangements has been definitely decided upon, and probably will be made public only to-morrow.

Only two of the Cleveland family, who are at Tamworth, N. H.—Esther and Mr. Richard—will attend the funeral. They are expected to-morrow and will come here with Mrs. John F. Pinckney, wife of President Pinckney, of New York University. Marion and Francis will remain at Tamworth with Mrs. Forline.

SORROW IN WASHINGTON AT DEATH OF CLEVELAND

Republicans Join With Democrats in Expressing Grief. Flags at Half Mast and All Departments to Pay Him Honor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—Grief was expressed on all sides in this city to-day when the news of the death of President Grover Cleveland was flashed over the wires.

Republicans joined with Democrats in their grief at the passing of the great Democrat, who had been the last great Democrat to lead the party to victory in a presidential election. The men of both parties recalled that as a man of both he had administered the affairs of the nation conscientiously and well.

Here in Washington, where the incidents of his administration are still fresh in the memory of the government officials, he is remembered as a man of high character and high ability. His death was a great loss to the country. He was a man of high character and high ability. His death was a great loss to the country.

Flags were half-masted on government buildings and by many citizens who fly the emblem over their place of business. Veterans' Jackson schools averred that that party had lost a great and good man.

Tribute of Cortelyou. Unofficial notification of the death of former President Cleveland was flashed immediately to Secretary Cortelyou, who served as confidential secretary to President Roosevelt. The White House received its first news of the death from the Associated Press.

Secretary Cortelyou, who served as confidential secretary to President Roosevelt, expressed himself as greatly shocked. "I had not entirely expected at this time by those who knew Mr.

O'FERRALL'S HIGH ESTIMATE OF PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

The late Governor Charles T. O'Ferrall, who served in Congress and was both of Mr. Cleveland's admirers and supporters, and friend of the President, had this to say of him in his admirable book, entitled "Forty Years of Active Service":

"Of President Cleveland I can write without reservation. I knew him well and long. There are facts in connection with his administrations which, so far as I have ever seen or heard, have never been presented in a plain and simple manner, and I shall undertake the task.

"In the way of illustration—in an unusually way of a striking characteristic of Mr. Cleveland, I shall relate a little story.

"During the presidential campaign of 1892 I was traveling in a buggy across a mountain to meet an acquaintance to speak at a Democratic barbecue. I overtook an old countryman on horseback, sitting on his grist, who was returning home from the mill. I spoke to him and he got into a conversation. I asked him if the people were warming up much on politics and how they stood between Cleveland and Harrison. He said that things were getting pretty hot and there was right smart division, but he was for Cleveland—that from what he could hear of Cleveland he was the boss dog in the tannery. I said, 'What do you mean by that?' He replied, 'The boss dog, you know, has his own way about things and takes care of the premises, and he don't let others come fooling around him. So when we elected Cleveland before, we elected him to run things to suit himself, and he didn't give him a partner, and he did run the people's business mighty well—he was the boss dog in the tannery and he is the man I think you ought to go back to.'

"I agreed with his logic, and often during Mr. Cleveland's second administration I recall the saying of the old countryman on the mountain side, when other people were trying to annoy and hamper the man who had been elected to run the people's business, but who was maintaining with courage and firmness his position of boss dog in the tannery."

"This expression of the untalented countryman was honest, but it illustrated the point he was making better than the most cultured language could have done."

"The people elected Grover Cleveland to be President of this republic in 1884 and again in 1892, and for both terms he was President and fulfilled the trust not only in name, but in fact. He surrounded himself with able Cabinet counselors—and with them he conferred and great and mighty matters of State were discussed at Cabinet meetings, and the course to be pursued determined to his satisfaction, and then all the clans and self-constituted advisers under the sun could give him no more than the line marked out. He was President and his mind was convinced; the responsibility was upon his shoulders, with none to share it with him, and he acted upon his own judgment.

"If he had taken the advice of wise men and made a mistake, the blame would have been cast upon him, and not upon the 'wise men.' In matters not rising to the dignity of Cabinet matters he listened patiently to all who desired to be heard and made diligent effort to acquire all necessary information before arriving at a conclusion; but when his conclusion was reached, it was hard to shake it. His energy was indomitable; his endurance surprising; his capacity for details wonderful. . . . He vetoed 341 bills during his two terms. Of these (including the dependent pension bill) 257 were bills granting pensions to Federal soldiers in the War between the States—nearly all during his first term—and thirteen bills to erect public buildings, all in the Northern States except two.

"To a stranger he had the appearance of sternness, austerity or severity in disposition, but he was, in fact, just the reverse. He was ever thoughtful and reflective, and he did not possess that suave and smoothness of manner of one who can, on occasion, arise, throw off care and assume cheerfulness. He had the appearance of one who was burdened with weighty matters and felt keenly the responsibility resting upon him. I never heard him give a stern reply or stern rebuke, or saw him cast a stern glance, or if he ever did, I venture to assert it was justified. . . . He was incapable of deception or delusion. If he made an engagement he kept it, or, if he was in the moment fixed, whether it was with a high official or a humble citizen."

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—The President issued the following proclamation from Oyster Bay:

By the President of the United States—A Proclamation.

The White House, June 24, 1908.

To the People of the United States:

Grover Cleveland, President of the United States from 1885 to 1889, and again from 1893 to 1897, died at 8:40 o'clock this morning at his home in Princeton, N. J. In his death the nation has been deprived of one of its greatest citizens. By profession a lawyer, his chief services to his country were rendered during his career in public life. As mayor of and twice as President he showed coupled with entire devotion to that quailed before no hostility where his duty lay. Since his death has continued well and faithfully simplicity, dignity and upright.

In testimony of the respect in government and people of the that the flags on the White House buildings be displayed at half and that suitable military and the Secretaries of War and of the

Done this 24th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1908, and of the independence of the United States of America the 132d.

By the President:

Alvay A. Adee,
Acting Secretary of State.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

a long, varied and honorable career in public life. As mayor of his city, as Governor of his State, signal power as an administrator, the country's good and a courage when once he was convinced tirement from the presidency he to serve his countrymen by the ness of his private life.

which his memory is held by the United States. I do hereby direct and the several departmental mast for a period of thirty days; naval honors, under the orders of Navy, be rendered on the day of

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AMONG FIRST TO TENDER SYMPATHY

President Promptly Telegrams Mrs. Cleveland, and Will Attend Funeral.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., June 24.—News of the death of ex-President Grover Cleveland was communicated to President Roosevelt at his summer home here to-day, and caused radical changes in the President's plans. Mr. Roosevelt was visibly deeply shocked at the tidings, and immediately telegraphed to Mrs. Cleveland at Princeton, N. J., tendering his sympathy and that of Mrs. Roosevelt. The message was as follows:

"Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 24, 1908. 'Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Princeton, N. J.:

"Your telegram shocked me greatly. Mrs. Roosevelt joins in very deep and sincere sympathy. I have, of course, abandoned my intention of starting to-day for the New London boat races, so that I can be at home to-day, and I am also attending it on Sunday, but if it is Saturday a number of men are coming here from various parts of the country on a business engagement which I cannot well break. Will you direct some one to wire me when the funeral is to be, and where?"

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Mr. Roosevelt made it known immediately upon the receipt of the news of the death of Grover Cleveland that he would abandon his proposed trip to New London, Conn., to witness the Harvard-Yale boat races, on which he was to have started to-day. He also issued a proclamation to the people of the country, eulogizing the dead statesman, ordering all government flags half-masted for thirty days, and directing that military and naval honors be accorded the late President on the day of the funeral.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by Secretary Loeb, will leave Oyster Bay on a special train on Friday for Princeton to attend the funeral. They will return over the Interior under President Cleveland, issued the following statement to-day:

"I am deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Cleveland. He was one of the great men that live in a generation. His courage and devotion to convictions of right had no limit. He reached conclusions after great deliberation and after obtaining all accessible information he immovably adhered to his conclusion.

"He was big in brain and in body. Duty was with him the constant rule of conduct."

The Nation's Greatest Citizen.

DENVER, COL., June 24.—Speaking of the death of former President Cleveland, Mr. Sullivan, Democratic national committee man for Illinois and chairman of the committee which is preparing for the national convention, said to-day:

"In Mr. Cleveland the nation lost its greatest citizen, the Democratic party one of its truest leaders and many of us a personal friend."

John F. O'Brien, national committee man from Wyoming, said: "A man whose honesty and sincerity of purpose and courage no one can question. Mr. Cleveland's name will go down to history as one of our greatest Presidents."

There was an intimation to-day that one of the speakers at the Democratic convention would be asked to adjourn for a day immediately after convening.

Actuated by Sense of Duty. WINCHESTER, VA., June 24.—Major Holmes Conrad, who was Solicitor-General during the second Cleveland administration, and was personal friend of the former President, was visibly affected upon receipt of the news of Cleveland's death, and among other things said Mr. Cleveland in all his official acts and utterances was animated by a patriotic and unselfish sense of duty. No President ever gave such patient and thorough attention to the details of his office or devoted to them the personal investigation and intellectual qualities which alone form the foundation of true greatness. He had strong convictions and a courage adequate to their enforcement. He was altogether free from the least taint of selfishness. He will leave a lasting monument in the abiding sense which his personal and official life has wrought in the minds and hearts of his countrymen.

Leading Americans Voice Their Feelings at Death of Ex-President.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., June 24.—News of the death of Grover Cleveland was received at the Yale campus this morning after the receipt in New Haven of the bulletin making the announcement.

President Hadley, always an admirer of President Cleveland, said:

"The death of Grover Cleveland means the passing away from American politics. I am very sorry to hear the news, but cannot at this moment give a more thorough personal tribute or estimate."

J. Pierpont Morgan, who was in the

parade just behind President Hadley and Secretary Stokes, was deeply shocked. "I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Cleveland's death," was his simple comment.

One of the Great Presidents. OTTAWA, KAN., June 24.—Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, who is here to-day, when told of the death of ex-President Cleveland, said:

"I am deeply shocked to hear of Mr. Cleveland's death. I regard him as one of the country's greatest men, and predict that when his history is properly written he will be rated as one of the half dozen greatest Presidents. Place in History Secure."

WILMINGTON, DEL., June 24.—Judge George Gray, when told of the death of Grover Cleveland, said:

"I am deeply grieved at the announcement of Mr. Cleveland's death. I had hoped that his useful life might be prolonged for many years with comfort to himself, and for the benefit of his country. The wisdom, conservatism and courage which characterized his two administrations have made his place secure in American history."

NEW YORK, June 24.—Paul Morton said regarding Mr. Cleveland's death: "Grover Cleveland was a most remarkable man—deliberate, thoughtful, sound in conclusions and always careful in action. He was as simple as a child in his tastes and as resolute as a giant in his convictions."

"He was the highest type of public servant, and it is to be regretted that we have so few men of his sturdy character in public life."

"He was a patriot rather than a partisan, and his moral courage to do what he thought was best for the country, regardless of his political enemies, was particularly commendable to women; and all women who knew him respected him."

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RICHMOND NURSE WITH CLEVELAND

Miss Blanche Hechler Had Been With Former President Fourteen Months.

It remained for a young Richmond woman, Miss Blanche Hechler, sister-in-law of Mayor-elect D. C. Richardson, to be with and to nurse ex-President Grover Cleveland through his last illness. Sent to the grand old man by Dr. Lockwood, of the Roosevelt Hospital, New York, she had been in his home fourteen months, and during that time was not only his nurse, but she became also his confidante and one of his best friends. She went to the ex-President's bedside with another young graduate recommended by the same authority, but when Mr. Cleveland's health improved and only one nurse was necessary he was asked which he would prefer. The Southern woman, he is said to have replied, "with her soft voice and her gentle hands."

It was after this that Miss Hechler became his constant guide. In letters to his friends she spoke in high praise of the man who was often condemned and wrongly accused by his political enemies. He was particularly deferential to women; and all women who knew him respected him.

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